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**The Phoenix Sky Harbor international airport is one of the ten most important airports in Usa with 35 million passengers in transit per year and revenues of 15 million US dollars**

## **Autogrill, Hms awarded food and beverage concessions in Phoenix international airport**

Milan, 27<sup>th</sup> December 2000 - On 21 december, HMSHost Corporation, the world's leading concessions operator owned by Autogrill, has been notified by the City of Phoenix that it was unanimously recommended by Sky Harbor's Concession Committee to the Airport Board for the development of eight restaurant locations in Terminal 3. This valuable 10 -year contract gives HMSHost Corporation the lead position in food & beverage operations at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. The award of this 146 million-dollar contract will extend HMSHost's strong relationship with the City of Phoenix and is the crowning achievement for a company that has continued its business development growth in the U.S. This year, HMSHost has extended or won airport food & beverage\retail contracts for Salt Lake City, Denver, Los Angeles, John Wayne (Santa Ana) and Dallas\Fort Worth and others.

The unique and powerful concept line-up for Terminal 3 will include top performing national brands such as Sbarro Italian Eatery, Starbucks, Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers and Cinnabon, as well as locally recognized and themed concepts such as Honey Bear's BBQ, Kokopelli Deli, Blue Burrito and a Jose Cuervo Pueblo de Tequila. HMS Host's Jose Cuervo Tequileria was recently voted the best new food & beverage concept in the U.S. by Advertising Age Magazine. Also featured in the plan is a Dick Clark's American Bandstand Grill, a high-energy, casual dining restaurant combining great food, great fun and great service. At Dick Clark's AB Grill®, travelers can relive rock 'n roll history while enjoying a freshly prepared meal from a creative and varied menu. The new Terminal 3 restaurants will be completed by December 2001 and include local Phoenix participation of 20% of revenues.

"Host International takes pride in its reputation for developing premier food and beverage projects across the country and we are very excited about the opportunity to continue to develop world class facilities in one of the top Airports in the world," said Steven Johnson, Vice President, Business Development for HMSHost. "This achievement is another example of HMSHost Corporation's efforts to continue our tradition of excellence in design, operations and management in U.S. Airports."

These new food and beverage concessions will complement the exciting mix of food and beverage operations that HMSHost is currently developing at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport including Chili's, Starbucks, Burger King, FOX Sports and many others. HMSHost also holds contract rights for retail concessions at the 35 million-passenger airport.



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"We are delighted with the decision to extend our operations in Phoenix. The City of Phoenix's confidence in our capabilities further strengthens our leadership position as a world-class provider of food and beverage concessions," said John J. McCarthy, President and CEO of HMSHost.

HMSHost, formerly known as Host Marriott Services, is world-renowned for creating innovative concession plans in travel venues. HMSHost has revenues of \$1.6 billion and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Autogrill S.p.A. Together, HMSHost and the rest of the Autogrill Group are recognized leaders in retail, food and beverage concessions serving people on the move. With operations in nineteen countries around the globe, the combined Company has annual revenues of over \$2.6 billion.